(b) if so, the steps being taken to ensure supply of potable water to the areas in New Delhi and Old Delhi where contaminated and muddy water is being supplied at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that the complaint about the supply of contaminated water supply in the Moti Bagh, Shanti Niketan areas was received on 22-8-1991, the fault was located on 23-8-1991 and has since been set right. The mishap had happened because an A. C. Pressure pipe line passing through the manhole was found damaged causing the contamination. Otherwise the water supply made by them is potable.

The information in respect of other two localities is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Houses and building requisitioned by the Central Government

4317. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 162 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th May, 1983 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the premises of the destitute widow referred in above question supplementaries reply has not yet been vacated in spite of assurance given by the Minister even though more than 9 years have passed for compliance;

(b) the action Government have taken so far in the matter; and

(c) by when the premises are likely to be vacated and handed over to the widow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Housing problems in West Bengal

4318. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Agencies and Organisations of the Central Government or sponsored by it to solve the housing problem in West Bengal;

(b) what amount of money was spent in the different housing schemes during the last five years in the state; and

(c) the number of persons benefited from such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Housing being a State subject solution of housing problem in a particular State is primarily the concern of that State Government. However, with a view to supplement the efforts of various State Governments in providing increased housing facilities to people, particularly those belonging to economically weaker sections financial assistance is made available by National level housing finance institutions like HUDCO and National Housing Bank, Life Insurance Corporation and General Insurance Corporation to State level housing agencies, as per norms laid down by these institutions.

During the last 5 years i.e. 1986-87 to 1990-91 HUDCO sanctioned 84 schemes with a project cost of Rs. 234.14 crores and HUDCO loan assistance of Rs. 142.57 crores for construction of 91975 dwelling units in West Bengal.